

Monument and the Sequoia National Forest. Preference for employment shall be given to displaced and displaced workers in Tulare, Kern and Fresno Counties, California, for work associated with the establishment of the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

SEC. 344. From funds previously appropriated under the heading "DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT", \$4,000,000 is available for computational services at the National Energy Technology Laboratory.

SEC. 345. BACKCOUNTRY LANDING STRIP ACCESS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available by this Act shall not be used to permanently close aircraft landing strips, officially recognized by State or Federal aviation officials, without public notice, consultation with cognizant State and Federal aviation officials and the consent of the Federal Aviation Administration.

(b) AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIPS.—An aircraft landing strip referred to in subsection (a) is a landing strip on Federal land administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture that is commonly known, and is consistently used for aircraft landing and departure activities.

(c) PERMANENT CLOSURE.—For the purposes of subsection (a), an aircraft landing strip shall be considered to be closed permanently if the intended duration of the closure is more than 180 days in any calendar year.

SEC. 346. COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA. (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—Section 9 of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544g) is amended:

(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) APPRAISALS.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF LANDOWNER.—In this subsection, the term ‘landowner’ means the owner of legal or equitable title as of September 1, 2000.

“(2) APPRAISAL STANDARDS.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), land acquired or conveyed by purchase or exchange under this section shall be appraised in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

“(3) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.—

“(A) BEFORE APRIL 1, 2001.—Land within a special management area for which the landowner, before April 1, 2001, makes a written bona fide offer to convey to the Secretary for fair market value shall be appraised—

“(i) without regard to the effect of any zoning or land use restriction made in response to this Act; but

“(ii) subject to any other current zoning or land use restriction imposed by the State or locality in which the land is located on the date of the offer.

“(B) ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2001.—Land within a special management area for which the landowner, on or after April 1, 2001, makes a written bona fide offer to convey to the Secretary for fair market value shall be appraised subject to—

“(i) any zoning or land use restriction made in response to this Act; and

“(ii) any other current zoning or land use restriction that applies to the land on the date of the offer.

“(f) AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN LAND EXCHANGES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate priority land exchanges through which land within the boundaries of the White Salmon Wild and Scenic River or within the scenic area is conveyed to the United States, the Secretary may accept title to such land as the Secretary determines to be appropriate within the States, regardless of the State in which the land conveyed by the Secretary in exchange is located, in accordance with land exchange authorities available to the Secretary under applicable law.

“(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR LAND CERTAIN EXCHANGES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

“(A) any exchange described in paragraph (1) for which an agreement to initiate has been executed as of September 30, 2000, shall continue; and

“(B) any timber stumpage proceeds collected under the exchange shall be retained by the Forest Service to complete the exchange.”.

(b) ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.—Section 8(o) of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544f) is amended—

(1) by striking “Any ordinance” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any ordinance”;

(2) in the first sentence, by striking “the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (Interagency Land Acquisition Conference, 1973).” and inserting “section 9(e).”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall not apply to any land offered to the Secretary for acquisition after March 31, 2001.”.

(c) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.—

(1) Not later than November 1, 2000, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide notice of the provisions contained in the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) through—

(A) publication of a notice in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the counties in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; and

(B) posting of a notice in each facility of the United States Postal Service located in those counties.

(2) If the counties wherein special management areas are located provide the Forest Service administrator of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area lists of the names and addresses of landowners within the special management areas as of September 1, 2000, the Forest Service shall send to such names and addresses by certified first class mail notice of the provisions contained in the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b);

(A) The mailing shall occur within twenty working days of the receipt of the list; and

(B) The mailing shall constitute constructive notice to landowners, and proof of receipt by the addressee shall not be required.

(d) DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.—Section 4(b)(2) of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544b(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking “in this section” and inserting “by paragraph (1)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the special management areas are modified as depicted on a map dated September 20, 2000, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service in Washington, District of Columbia, and copies shall be available in the office of the Commission, and the headquarters of the scenic area.”.

(e) PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—Section 14(c)(3) of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544(c)(3)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(3) No payment” and inserting the following:

“(3) LIMITATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no payment”;

(2) by striking “fifth” and inserting “eighth”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS.—For any land or interest in land for which the Secretary is making a payment in fiscal year 2000, such payment shall be continued for a total of eight fiscal years.”.

SEC. 347. (a) EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—In exchange for the non-Federal lands and the additional consideration described in subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to Kern County, California, all right, title, and in-

terest of the United States in and to four parcels of land under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service in Kern County, as follows:

(1) Approximately 70 acres known as Camp Owen as depicted on the map entitled “Camp Owen”, dated June 15, 2000.

(2) Approximately 4 acres known as Wofford Heights Park as depicted on the map entitled “Wofford Heights Park”, dated June 15, 2000.

(3) Approximately 4 acres known as the French Gulch maintenance yard as depicted on the map entitled “French Gulch Maintenance Yard”, dated June 15, 2000.

(4) Approximately 14 acres known as the Kernville Fish Hatchery as depicted on the map entitled “Kernville Fish Hatchery”, dated June 15, 2000.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONVEYANCE OF NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—As consideration for the conveyance of the Federal lands referred to in subsection (a), Kern County shall convey to the Secretary a parcel of land for fair market value consisting of approximately 52 acres as depicted on the map entitled “Greenhorn Mountain Park”, located in Kern County, California, dated June 18, 2000.

(2) REPLACEMENT FACILITY.—As additional consideration for the conveyance of the storage facility located at the maintenance yard referred to in subsection (a)(3), Kern County shall provide a replacement storage facility of comparable size and condition, as acceptable to the Secretary, at the Greenhorn Ranger District Lake Isabella Maintenance Yard property.

(3) CASH EQUALIZATION PAYMENT.—As additional consideration for the conveyance of the Federal lands referred to in subsection (a), Kern County shall tender a cash equalization payment specified by the Secretary. The cash equalization payment shall be based upon an appraisal performed at the option of the Forest Service pursuant to section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).

(c) CONDITIONS ON ACCEPTANCE.—Title to the non-Federal lands to be conveyed under this section must be acceptable to the Secretary, and the conveyance shall be subject to valid existing rights of record. The non-Federal lands shall conform with the title approval standards applicable to Federal land acquisitions.

(d) TIME FOR CONVEYANCE.—Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary shall complete the conveyance of the Federal lands under subsection (a) within 3 months after Kern County tenders to the Secretary the consideration required by subsection (b).

(e) STATUS OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Upon approval and acceptance of title by the Secretary, the non-Federal lands conveyed to the United States under this section shall become part of Sequoia National Forest, and the boundaries of the national forest shall be adjusted to include the acquired lands. The Secretary shall manage the acquired lands for recreational purposes in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to the National Forest System. For purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-9), the boundaries of the national forest, as adjusted pursuant to this section, shall be considered to be the boundaries of the national forest as of January 1, 1965.

(f) RELATIONSHIP TO ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—In connection with the conveyances under this section, the Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions related to environmental liability as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(g) LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be exchanged under this section shall be determined by a survey or surveys satisfactory to the Secretary. The costs of any such survey, as well as other administrative costs incurred to execute the land exchange (other than costs incurred by Kern County to comply with subsection (h)),